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For: CHARACTERISING NUCLEIC)
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in complete response to the Official Action dated September 5, 2002 (Paper No. 17). A one-month extension of time has been requested and the corresponding fee paid extending the time period of response until January 6, 2002 (January 5, 2002 was a Sunday).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claim 19 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein.

Kindly replace claims 1, 27 and 28 as follows: